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SUBJECT: REVISED AGENDA FOR OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING  
DISCUSSED AT MAY 16 HEADS OF DELEGATION  
MEETING

REFS: (A) STATE 123835, (B) PARIS 15174

1. SUMMARY: REVISED AGENDA PRESENTED AT MAY 16 MEETING  
LISTS TRADE PLEDGE AS SEPARATE ITEM IN ADDITION TO  
THEMES OF "GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY  
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" AND  
"CONCERTED ACTION: POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC  
GROWTH AND ADJUSTMENT TO STRUCTURAL CHANGE". ALL  
DELEGATES EXCEPT U.S. FAVORED LISTING TRADE PLEDGE  
AS SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM, MAINLY BECAUSE OF  
DESIRE TO SIGNAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS ANNUAL DECISION TO  
COMBAT PROTECTIONISM AND BECAUSE ITEM ALWAYS LISTED  
SEPARATELY IN PAST. WORDING OF CONCERTED ACTION ITEM  
MAY BE CHANGED TO REFLECT IDEA THAT POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT  
POLICIES ARE PART OF POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC  
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GROWTH. MOST PAPERS ARE IN FINAL PREPARATION STAGES.  
NO SEPARATE PAPER WILL BE PREPARED ON ENERGY; TOPIC  
WILL BE TREATED IN OTHER PAPERS, INCLUDING CONCERTED  
ACTION. ISSUE OF SEPARATE, INFORMAL FINANCE MINISTERS  
MEETING ON SECOND DAY REMAINS UNDECIDED. END SUMMARY.

2. HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING MAY 16 DISCUSSED

REVISED AGENDA PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT FOR JUNE 14-15 MINISTERIAL MEETING. AGENDA, WHICH WAS REVISED PER COMMENTS AT MAY 10 HEADS OF DEL REPORTED IN REFTEL B, NOW AS FOLLOWS:

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. THE GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

3. RENEWAL OF THE MAY 30, 1974 DECLARATION

4. CONCERTED ACTION: POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ADJUSTMENT TO STRUCTURAL CHANGE

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

5. COMMUNIQUE

6. OTHER BUSINESS

3. U.S. REP SPEAKING FROM REFTEL A REQUESTED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRADE PLEDGE NOT BE SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM. ALL DELEGATES WHO ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE WANTED ITEM LISTED SEPARATELY FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

1) HISTORICALLY TRADE PLEDGE HAS ALWAYS BEEN SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM; PUBLIC MIGHT MISINTERPRET NOT LISTING WHAT HAS BECOME IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST PROTECTIONISM.

2) OTHER AGENDA ITEMS ARE VERY BROAD; TRADE PLEDGE IS SPECIFIC ITEM WHERE SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION MUST BE DECIDED UPON NOW BY MINISTERS.

3) SEPARATE LISTING ALLOWS MORE FLEXIBILITY IN TREATMENT. SECRETARIAT MADE CLEAR THAT TRADE PLEDGE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS ON FIRST DAY, BUT QUESTION OF WHEN FORMAL ACTION ON PLEDGE RENEWAL WOULD BE TAKEN WAS NOT SPECIFIED.

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4. SEVERAL DELEGATES OBJECTED TO NEW WORDING OF ITEM 4 SINCE POLICIES FOR ADJUSTMENT TO STRUCTURAL CHANGE ARE REALLY PART OF THE POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH. SECRETARIAT IS CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVE WORDING TO INCORPORATE THIS CONCEPT. JAPANESE REP STATED HIS AUTHORITIES FELT STRONGLY ABOUT NEED TO INCLUDE THE NOTION OF "POSITIVE POLICIES" IN DESCRIBING STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT.

5. ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY COOPERATION AS SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM OR AS A SPECIFIC SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION WAS NOT RAISED AT THIS OR PREVIOUS MEETING. IN CIRCUMSTANCES WE DID NOT MAKE POINT IN REFTEL A.

6. ISSUE OF SEPARATE, INFORMAL FINANCE MINISTERS SESSION ON SECOND DAY REMAINS UNRESOLVED. SECRETARY GENERAL WILL DISCUSS THIS WITH JAPANESE CHAIRMAN IN TOKYO. U.S. REP PURSUANT TO REFTEL A SAID HIS AUTHORITIES SAW NO NEED OR BASIS FOR DEPARTING FROM PAST PRACTICE AND SETTING UP RESTRICTED SESSION. HE  
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POINTED OUT THAT FINANCE MINISTERS WOULD BE SEATED

TOGETHER AT LUNCHTIME AND THIS COULD ALLOW PRIVATE DISCUSSION. FRANCE AND JAPAN DID NOT ADDRESS ISSUE. GERMAN DELEGATE SUGGESTED ISSUE COULD BE DECIDED BY CHAIRMAN ONCE ALL MINISTERS ARE HERE; HE SAW NO NEED TO DECIDE ISSUE IN ADVANCE. DENMARK, SPAIN, BELGIUM SUPPORT RESTRICTED MEETING. LUNCHEON ALTERNATIVE WAS VIEWED UNENTHUSIASTICALLY, WITH DELEGATES NOTING THIS WOULD NOT BE SAME TYPE OF MEETING AND CITING DIFFICULTIES IN HOLDING TWO LUNCHEONS SIMULTANEOUSLY.

7. SECRETARIAT PROVIDED CLARIFICATION OF PAPERS PREPARED OR TO BE PREPARED AS GIVEN BELOW. U.S. REP, JOINED BY OTHERS, SPOKE OF IMPORTANCE FOR ONE MASTER PAPER COVERING ALL AGENDA ITEMS AND THEIR INTERRELATIONSHIP. THIS WOULD ASSIST MINISTERS TO FOCUS ON INTER-RELATIONSHIPS, WITH ISSUES AND QUESTIONS SHARPLY POSED. COMMUNIQUE COULD THUS BE DRAWN FROM ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS EMPHASIZING INTERRELATIONS. SECRETARIAT NOW PLANNING TO PROVIDE THE OVERVIEW IN ANNOTATIONS TO AGENDA, A 2-3 PAGE PAPER TO BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH. IN ADDITION THE PAPER ON CONCERTED ACTION WILL REFER TO INTERRELATIONSHIP OF ALL OTHER ISSUES ON AGENDA.

AGENDA ITEM 2: 1) RECENTLY RELEASED PAPER TO BE DISCUSSED AT HIGH-LEVEL DAC MEETING MAY 23 AND REVISED FOR MINISTERIAL. (DOCUMENT DAC(78)16 MISSION SUMMARY AND COMMENTS SENT SEPTEL TODAY.)

2) PAPER ON INTERDEPENDENCE WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIAL REFERENCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO BE OUT END OF THIS WEEK.

AGENDA ITEM 3: PAPER ON TRADE PLEDGE, TO BE OUT IN TEN DAYS TIME FOLLOWING VETTING BY TRADE COMMITTEE.

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AGENDA ITEM 4: PAPER ON CONCERTED ACTION POLICIES ON  
SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH WHICH WILL  
INTEGRATE DISCUSSION FOR BOTH DAYS.  
SECRETARIAT REFERRING TO THIS AS  
"UMBRELLA PAPER". PAPER TO BE OUT BY  
END OF WEEK.

PAPER ON POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT POLICIES.  
(OUT AS DOCUMENT CES/78.46 REPORTED IN  
PARIS 15177).

IN ADDITION TO ANNOTATED AGENDA, THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE  
WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH.

8. ENERGY WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO SEVERAL PAPERS.  
SECRETARIAT SEES ISSUE TREATED MAINLY UNDER AGENDA  
ITEM 4, BUT ALSO UNDER 2 AND 3. CONCERTED ACTION FOR  
SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH PAPER WILL EMPHASIZE  
RELATIONSHIP OF ENERGY TO MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICIES;  
INTERDEPENDENCE PAPER WILL STRESS ENERGY AS AN IMPORTANT  
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POLICY AREA IN CONTEXT OF GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE AS  
DID JOLLY PAPER FOR XCSS (CE(78)6), AND STRESS NEED FOR  
COOPERATION TO STIMULATE PRODUCTION AND INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE OF ADDITIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES. SECRETARIAT WILL  
ALSO ELABORATE ON REFERENCE TO ENERGY IN POSITIVE  
ADJUSTMENT PAPER. SECRETARIAT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT

PLAN TO INSERT LANGUAGE DIRECTLY RESPONDING TO DANISH  
INTERVENTION AT MAY 10 HEADS OF DEL STRESSING ENERGY  
PRICE DISPARITIES BETWEEN EUROPE AND U.S.

9. DISCUSSION IN HEADS OF DELEGATION ON MINISTERIAL  
PREPARATIONS WILL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK, BEGINNING MAY 23.  
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